

The Lancaster Gazette.

THE DEAD COMRADE.

Oh! soldiers lay their heads down,
Till the bugle calls them to their post.
The noble spirit have both封
Touch gently now the early daw.
Low hangs the fog he proudly loved;
Bare lies the bale he proudly bore;
But the spirit flies far above;
Weeps for stained liberty no more.

Draw softly now the waving hair;
Across the forehead bind her close;
A among curl is missing there;
Against the dead cheek's chilly snow.
With the brave spirit of this soul;
It rests again his mother's breast;
A warm, true hiding place is found;
While low in death its fellows rest.

Quiet the fringed eyelids lie
Above the smothered patriot fire;
That once beamed in his flashing eyes;
With the brave spirit of this soul;
And still the spirit lies.

Encircled round the spirit lies those
Who, running from the path of right,
Become their country a deadlost foes.

Fold the cold hands above the breast,
So pureely riven by rebel steel;
And lay our comrade down to rest,
Away from friends and dear ones all.
Oh! sad will be the heart at home;
When known the waste that war has made;
When from the field returns alone,
His glory-covered battle blade.

A god's tears for him shall flow—
Proud tears, though bitter, free from shame;
Shot at his post? a soldier's death!
A death no coward dare to claim.
Then soldiers, gently lay him down;
And softly name the dropping head;
And while ye mourn a comrade gone,
Thank pride of that proud dead.

THE INVALID SERVICE.

The War Department has issued an order enumerating twenty-nine kinds of physical infirmities that do not disqualify enlisted men for service in the Invalid Corps, and twenty-five that do. The order concludes: "Whilst the government is most anxious to provide for and employ those faithful soldiers who, from the wounds or hardships of war are no longer able to perform active duty, yet it can upon no account permit men undescended or totally disabled to enter the service. Those faithful soldiers whose physical infirmities are too great to admit of their being of any use in the Invalid Corps, will nevertheless receive the pensions and bounties provided by law. It is further announced that no officer or enlisted man shall receive any pension, premium or bounty for re-enlistment or service in the invalid corps. They will receive all other pay and allowances now authorized by law for United States infantry except increased pay for re-enlistment. Claims for pensions or bounties which may be due for previous service will not be invalidated by the enlistment in the invalid corps, but no pensions can be drawn or accrued to any man who has been in said corps. The officers and men will be organized in companies of infantry of the same strength as is now authorized by law for United States in-fantry. No organized brigades, regiments or companies will be accepted as such. Enlistments in this corps will be for three years, unless sooner discharged.

Artemus Ward on Copperheads.
Artemus Ward may be stamped "sound" on Copperheads. He says in his last letter:

"Not long ago I made a review of Joseph's army. I was considerably surprised to observe all the cannon pointed towards the North."

"My blood-stained veteran," says I, addressing a Lieutenant Brigadier who was plain "old sledge" with a tenth corporal's clerk for a yellow postage stamp a corner—"my blood-stained veteran why are not them gun-pinto here towards the South?"

"Thunder!" replied the Lieutenant Brigadier, turning up a Jack from the bottom, "what's the use of aiming 'em towards the South as long as there is wuss enemies to our Guy in the North? It will be a easy matter to wipe out the rebels after we put down the Copperheads in the North."

"My bloom' hero," says I, "I guess you are about rite. The Butternuts are mean brutes, but the C. H. are a natural stink measter!"

"That's so!" sez the tenth corporal's clerk, slipping an up his kisote sleeve.

"Let them 2 there innocent pastime and propels—propels a little too much for I wandered outside the Fod' ill houses, an' surrounded 2 secess pickets, an' took 'em prisoners. The F. F. V.—these F. F. V.'s don't mean Five Foolish Virginias, scarcely—objected to accompanying me; so I followed them. Considerin' they was my prisoners, they used me pretty roughly! But its way. I followed the shape nearly to Richland, when some F. F. V. shivvies got a squint at me. They immediately comment for to hold thare noose shot, an' sum pulled off thare shins an' stockings, as of I was going to kick there feet."

"Keep a respectable distanz!" says one.

"Yes, I will—to keep respectable. Those was my sarcastic retort."

"Beg your pardous!" apologized the F. F. V.'s, puttin' on thare shoe and stockings, "an' taking their digits from the nassal organs. 'We thort you was one of them Nuthern Copperhead peas-men, who are always wantin' to lick our feet an' make up with us.'

"Peas men! sez I. 'I'm in favor of a general proscootin' of the war. Ditto my friend A. Linkin.'

"Well, setzey, we have some respect for a Virginian wot stands up for his Guyments—but the blowy Vallandigham, Woods, Hughes, and so forth, we think a little lower than a runaway nigger. If they was locked up by your Govment, we would rejoice. They are not only traitors to the North, but to the South."

"I allers considered 'em so too—except to the South. Ditto my friend A. L."

I apologized for captaining their 2 picots, as they released them on parole—whatever that is. I bleve, if the Copperheads would behave themselves, an' not drink too much whisky, they would be as good a Union men as the rebels. Jist about.

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nesses entrusted to us.

The Difference Between Union Men and those who Call Themselves Democrats.

We have collated the following sentiments in order that our readers may see the difference between loyal Democrats and Butternuts. That faction calling itself Democratic, claims to be loyal. Let the following sentiments determine. Conditional loyalty is little better than unconditional disloyalty:

Although there is a man in office that I did not help put there, and although I am an honest probability. I would rather have him to-morrow, yet in this great contest I acknowledge him—himself the head of a rebellion against the Government, as the Executive officer of the nation, and the leader of the rebels in the ranks. I hold it to be my duty to obey him, my commanding officer in all the wars, and to continue his policy in the next contest.

"We are for peace because the war has failed." "New England was the cause of the rebellion." Fernando Wood.

"I am astonished at the conduct of the people of the South."

"We are for peace because the people of the South are to blame for the rebellion."

"We are for peace because there are no rebels; one is to act knowledge the Southern Confederacy is not their part to the demands of the people. You must examine all the provisions you can find, and you can come to no other conclusion."

"No party ever made opposition to a war that was not made in a spirit of opposition; and you cannot blot the record out; you may try it, but it will not succeed." "The South are the rebels."

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